

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 24, 2009 MINUTES

On Tuesday, February 24, 2009, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Jim Hart, Vice-Chair, and Marilyn Ross present. Chairman David Schulz was absent to attend the National Weed Convention in Washington, D.C. Laurie Buyan, Administrative Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Due to the fact that there was only one Board member present that attended each meeting, minutes from the February 17, 2009, and February 20, 2009, meetings will be approved at the next regular Commission meeting.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Charity Fechter, Barbie Durham, Chris Mumme, Terina Mullan, Joe Husar, Ted Liss, and Steve DiGiovanna.

Planning Board Report: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, presented and reviewed a summary of the February 23, 2009, Planning Board meeting. Topics discussed were starting time for meetings; pre-application for Lot 1, Uline Bench; subdivision regulations; legislative issues, and Planning Office budget.

Wildland Urban Interface Fire Reduction Grant: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, Joe Husar, Hazardous Fuel Reduction Coordinator, Terina Mullen, Bureau of Land Management Fire Mitigation Specialist, and Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, met with the Board to discuss funding for Wildland Urban Interface Fire Mitigation. Terina Mullen explained that Madison County has previously applied and received funding for Fire mitigation through a program sponsored by Headwaters, RC&D. This funding originated through the BLM. Terina stated that because Headwaters does not have a current contract, Madison County could apply directly to the BLM for this funding; and because Madison County has a successful, on-going Fire Mitigation program in place, there is a good chance that the funding would be approved. Marilyn Ross moved to proceed with a contract between Madison County and the United States Bureau of Land Management for a Wildland Urban Interface Fire Reduction Grant. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Support for Resolution Annexing Ennis Fire District and MVRFD: Ted Liss, Madison Valley Rural Fire District, met with the Board to discuss annexation of the Ennis Fire Department and the Madison Valley Rural Fire District. Ted presented the Board with a resolution from the Town of Ennis regarding this annexation. After discussion, Ted offered to formulate a resolution from the Madison Valley Rural Fire District and have it approved by the MVRFD Board and come back to the Board of Commissioners for consideration of both resolutions.

Grants: Steve DiGiovanna, Communications Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss an opportunity offered by the State of Montana to update communications equipment in the Sheriff's Department. Steve stated that grant money in the amount of \$82,000 was being offered for the purchase of a state-of-the-art telephone system that would update the current 911 system and integrate with the current telephone system. Steve stated that there was no match and no catch to this offer. After discussion, Marilyn Ross moved to accept the grant allocation from the State of Montana Public Safety Service Bureau to purchase a State On-Tract 8911 Telephone System for the Communications Office in the Sheriff's Department. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

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Planning Board Appointment: Per request from members of the Twin Bridges Town Council, this item was tabled to allow additional time to review applications of candidates living within the limits of the Town to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board representing the Town of Twin Bridges.

310 Permit – North Meadow Creek: After discussion, Marilyn Ross moved to authorize signature of a 310 application for the requested relocation of the County road crossing North Meadow Creek. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

2009 Herbicide Contract Bids: Marilyn Ross moved to approve the Advertisement for Bids for the 2009 Weed Board Herbicide Contract. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next regular Commission meeting will be held on March 3, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: March 3, 2009

Minutes prepared by:

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